Processing of Stainless Steel Slabs

*660. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total production of stainless steel slabs in the country;

(b) which units are producing stainless steel slabs; and

(c) how these stainless steel slabs are processed in the country to obtain stainless steel?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI BRAJ KISHORE TRIPATHY): (a) The total production of stainless steel slabs in the country during the year 2001-02 is estimated to be 3.92 lakh tonnes.

(b) Alloy Steel Plant (ASP), Durgapur of Steel Authority of India Ltd. (SAIL), M/s. Shah Alloys Ltd., Ahmedabad (Gujarat) and M/s. Jindal Strips Ltd., Hissar (Haryana) are engaged in the production of stainless steel slabs.

(c) Stainless steel slabs are hot rolled to produce H.R. Stainless Steel Coil/Skelp/Sheets etc. By further processing through cold rolling and intermediate pickling and annealing, products like CRSS Coils/ Sheets are obtained.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Rehabilitation Package for Co-operatives

4660. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are framing a national policy and rehabilitation package for co-operatives, in order to enable this sector to compete with multinationals and to face challenges of globalisation;

(b) whether it is a fact that the main focus of the proposed policy would be professionalisation of co-operatives and demonstration of their operations, to make them self-reliant and economically viable;